

## MURDERER COWERS IN FREEHOLD JAIL

Man Who Confessed Killing  
Farmer, Wife, and Servant,  
Almost a Wreck.

## PRISON GUARDED; LYNCHING FEARED

Police Hunt Farm for Stolen Money  
and Jewels Artist-Laborer  
Says He Buried.

FREEHOLD, N. J., May 18.—His unsettled mind and weak body racked by hours of sweating Frank Zastera, the confessed murderer of William B. Sheppard, his wife and their servant, has almost collapsed.

He cowers in the darkest corner of his cell in the jail here, while he is constantly watched lest he do himself harm. From time to time he moaningly admits killing the three persons, and at the same breath insists he "can't remember." Every now and then he detects Zastera where he hid the money he stole from Sheppard, but they get no coherent reply.

The discovery of the murder wrought the county up to a high pitch, and since Zastera's confession County Prosecutor Andrew A. C. Stokes has taken especial care to have the prisoner well guarded, fearing an attempt may be made to lynch the man.

**Robbery Prompts Crime.**  
Robbery was Zastera's motive. Broken in health, of a peculiar temperament, he felt that his work about the farm was not adequately paid. Sheppard carried a large sum of money with him and frequently displayed it. This knowledge proved the undoing of Zastera, according to the prosecutor and the police, and he planned the crime for robbery. The officers today began a search of the Sheppard place for the wallet stolen from Sheppard which Zastera admits burying but just where, Stokes avers, he does not know.

His tale of murder shows absolute absence of pity. Hidden in the parlor with Sheppard's repeating shot gun he saw Mrs. Sheppard descend in her night gown to get the baby's milk bottle. As she went up the stairs he fired two loads of buckshot tearing away her hip and side. Falling, he rushed through the house, and Sheppard rushed to her rescue to be himself shot down.

The Zastera searched Sheppard's body and stole the pocketbook always carried. It was filled with money, but he did not count it.

**Searches House for Money.**  
After searching the house and securing more money and jewelry Zastera, according to the story told by the police, buried the loot. He has mentioned three places as the cache, but so far none are right. He claims that the police believe he has forgotten the hiding place, or desires to get the money into other hands, and they will now search the farm for it. A guard has been placed about the place, and experienced police are now searching for the buried loot.

Zastera said that he is twenty-one years old and that he came to this country when he was two years old from Hungary. He secured the place with Mr. Sheppard, through an advertisement, inserted in a New York newspaper.

Until he went to work for Mr. Sheppard, Zastera made his home with his father and mother, Anthony and Anna Zastera, at 37 East Seventy-second street. Besides being an artist Zastera played on the fiddle in Bohemian cafes on the East Side.

Sheppard was a lieutenant in the Spanish-American war, served in Company M, Seventy-first Regiment, with exceptional bravery. He was known as one of the best soldiers in the American army. The gun with which he, his wife, and several were murdered, was a Remington-Union model, which he had bought from some soldier of the regiment, whom he entertained on his place last winter.

## SQUIRREL PLAYMATE OF GROUNDHOG

RISEING SUN, Md., May 18.—A young squirrel that a little daughter of William S. Gauthin, of Hock Hollow, chased into the house, has made friends with a two-year-old groundhog that has been a pet of the family.

The Gaultins, formerly lived near Fort Deposit, and while there Grautlin plowed up a nest of groundhogs, one of which he captured and named him. When winter came the animal dug his hole beneath the front porch, where he remained until spring.

Two months ago the family removed to their present location, bringing the pet with them, it never minding the change, and although surrounded by woods never attempted to roam to his old haunts. The squirrel, which is not more than a month old, and the groundhog play together like two kittens, the squirrel frequently jumping leap frog over the groundhog's back.

## FIT THE GROCER

Wife Made the Suggestion.

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Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

## Victory of Senator Burrows Puts Republicans to Thinking

Power Held Over Situation  
by Conservative Clique  
Surprise to Leaders.

Believed Secretary Cortelyou  
Is Strongest Man for the  
Second Place.

The selection of Senator Julius Caesar Burrows of Michigan as temporary chairman of the Republican National Convention has opened a good many eyes to the fact that down under the surface of things there has been something doing for months past, results of which are just beginning to be apparent.

Senator Burrows would be set down in any classification as an anti-administration statesman. He is of the group of old-time Senators on whom the President's domination has never sat comfortably. He led the fight against seating Senator Smoot, while the President was determined that Smoot should be given his seat. He has stood with the conservative Senatorial clique which gets its tone and leadership from Aldrich, Allison, Hale, Frye, and men of that type.

The politicians calculate that the selection of Burrows means, first, that the convention is to be started off with a keynote speech which shall breathe conservatism and extreme moderation; and, second, they recognize it as an indication that the anti-administration people may yet turn up in control of the national committee.

**Both Claimed Control.**  
Both sides have claimed control of the committee from the beginning of the fight. There was a test at the December meeting, when the Taft people wanted the national convention sent to Kansas City and the anti-Taft wanted it to go to Chicago. At that time Frank Hitchcock, now Taft's manager, was handling the Cortelyou fight, and it was he who lined up things for Chicago and the "anti." Later, Hitchcock was taken into the Taft camp, Cortelyou dropped out of consideration as a Presidential factor, and the Taft people have been confident that the Hitchcock influence would be potent to turn the national committee back to the Taft side of things.

The action in Chicago, even though it was taken by a subcommittee, is disquieting to the administration forces. It was supposed certain that either Beveridge or Dolliver would be made temporary chairman. Either would have suited the Administration forces. Beveridge, however, the personal support of the President because of some special obligations growing out of his active support of Administration policies. He was the candidate of the radical administration people. Dolliver, though unobjectionable to the anti-administration people. He is not rated as decidedly attractive to either the progressive or the conservative faction, and is an attractive speaker. Burrows was one of the men who would have been supposed to lead the anti-administration forces. He is not rated as decidedly attractive to either the progressive or the conservative faction, and is an attractive speaker. Burrows was one of the men who would have been supposed to lead the anti-administration forces.

**Fight for Second Place.**  
In this connection there has been recently a very quiet but authoritative presentation, by the Taft managers, of the case in favor of Cortelyou for Vice President. They want a New York man; one strong with business; one who will be satisfactory to friends of the Administration. They want a man who is not a party man. They have apparently centered on Cortelyou, and his case is being pushed with quiet insistence just now, partly in order to head off the Fairbanks Vice Presidential boom that is getting strong in all sections.

Since the selection of Burrows as temporary chairman, there has been strong indication that the reason why the Taft people want Cortelyou for second place is that Cortelyou has been found to control certain members of the national committee, whose adhesion to the Taft cause is necessary if the Taft element is to control the committee. Therefore, it is conjectured, it may have been found worth while to offer a place on the ticket to a man who would induce Cortelyou to come in and deliver his committee strength.

That Cortelyou will be the nominee for Vice President is long dotted in the best-informed political circles. He wants it, and has strength with the big business interests. He is a New York man. He is claimed to have considerable strength with labor organizations. He controls a bunch of votes in the national committee, which seems to be strong enough to turn the balance of power there. Finally, if he isn't nominated, it seems likely that either Fairbanks or Hughes will be the Taft people don't want either of these.

## Has Great Force.

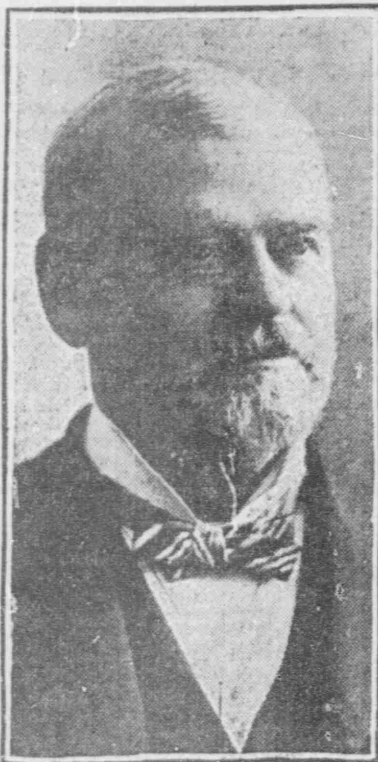
For a man recently declared to have been eliminated from the political game, Mr. Cortelyou is turning up with rather more assets on his person than any political bankrupt whose name comes readily to mind. They are after him on all sides. He has the cards that, in the hands of either side, would mean victory. It begins to be apparent that he is playing them with exceeding skill.

Conjecture is just now busy with inquiry as to how the national convention will perform. There will be about 200 contested seats in less than 1,000 members. Suppose the national committee proves to be still in control of the anti-Taft people and these have never for a day admitted losing the control—and supposing the temporary chairman is in sympathy with the anti-Taft people, what then? The possibilities of manipulation and management appear pretty nearly unlimited.

And every time a politician discusses these possibilities he winds up with the suggestion that of course there is one way out of any (tautologous) that way is the nomination of Roosevelt.

**President's Sentiment.**  
Despite that various statements have been put out with the color of authoritative representation of White House opinion about the selection of Senator Burrows to be temporary chairman of the Chicago convention, it was said today on the highest authority that no body had been justified in assuming to present the views of Mr. Roosevelt. On the other hand it has been impossible to secure any statement, in authoritative quarters, as to the President's sentiments about the action of the committee on its selection of Burrows.

It is known that the close friends of the administration, and people in touch with the Taft movement, were decidedly surprised at the choice of Senator Burrows. Whether it was so much a surprise to the President himself is a matter of conjecture.



SENATOR J. C. BURROWS,  
Who Will Be Temporary Chairman of  
the Republican National Convention  
at Chicago.

ter of conjecture. It was made apparent this morning that the White House did not care to be committed to any expression or intimation on the subject. Secretary Taft was at the White House early, and on leaving said he would have a conference with the President at 9:30 this evening, when they would go over various matters requiring attention. The Secretary, asked if he would say anything about the political contest laughingly replied: "Context? Didn't really know there was one."

**Beveridge at White House.**  
Senator Beveridge of Indiana, whose name was prominently mentioned for the office of temporary chairman of the Republican national convention, but who was turned down by the subcommittee having the matter in charge, called at the White House today and was closeted with the President more than an hour.

At the conclusion of the conference Senator Beveridge said that he had no comment to make on the appointment of Mr. Burrows. He intimated that he had never been a candidate for the position, and said the first knowledge he had of his alleged candidacy was gained from what he saw in the newspapers. He declined to discuss the possibility that Senator Burrows represented that faction of the Republican party which was opposed to President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft.

"So far as I am concerned," he said, "the matter is ended. I have never had any concern about it."

## Today's Vital Records.

### Births.

Myer and Beckie Wolpe, girl.  
John and Mary E. Walton, girl.  
John and Mary P. Scrivener, boy.  
William and Helena Shoemaker, boy.  
David A. and Anna M. Crocker, boy.  
Le Roy J. and Laura V. Poole, girl.  
Thomas J. and Mary A. Murphy, boy.  
James R. and Mary E. Miles, boy.  
James and Henrietta Madison, boy.  
John J. and Eva E. Kennedy, boy.  
Jacob and Sarah Kushner, boy.  
Ginspene and Rosina Crenato, boy.  
Harry J. and Mary E. Coberly, girl.  
Edward R. and Charlotte E. E. Brown, girl.  
Noble J. and Lottie V. Avery, boy.  
Xavier and Marie Borreit, boy.

### Marriage Licenses.

Peter G. Bartley, Washington, and Augusta Roesch, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Willis E. Britt and Lottie I. Page, Richmond, Va.  
David A. Cotter and Georgia A. Robertson, Washington.  
Harry J. Weatherman and Daisy Hoffman, Washington.  
Emmett J. Brennan, Washington and Martina C. Toomey, Boston, Mass.

### Deaths.

Margaret Davidson, 86 years, 281 Fourteenth street northwest.  
Emily G. Galloway, 2 years, 117 Twentieth street northwest.  
Infant of Raymond J. and Blanche I. Cooley, 4 hours, 132 Irving street northwest.  
William C. Beane, 34 years, Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital.  
Idella L. De Vaughn, 9 years, 1015 Jefferson street northwest.  
Louis A. Harginski, 42 years, 642 Pickford place.  
James C. Lynn, 66 years, 23 T street northeast.  
Thomas J. Mitchell, 30 years, Casualty Hospital.  
Michael Shea, 65 years, Freedman's Hospital.

### Died.

INGRAM—On Sunday, May 17, 1908, at his residence, 33 T street, at 11:30 last night, MAX INGRAM.  
Funeral notice later.  
TUCKER—On Sunday, May 17, 1908, at 6:30 p. m., ROBERT MURRAY TUCKER, son of Garrett T. and Annie P. Tucker.  
Funeral Monday, May 18, at 3 p. m., from residence, 1317 Columbia road, N. W.

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## MURDERS HIS SON IN SUICIDE PACT

Drives Knife Into Child, But  
Fails in Attempt to  
Kill Self.

CHICAGO, May 18.—Walter Knobel, twelve, is dead, and Henry Amann, forty-three, is at the hospital at Fort Sheridan today as the result of the strangest suicide pact yet recorded. The child's body was found near the post in the woods, with a small knife wound over the heart. Amann had driven the knife into his own breast, his hand weakened. When he regained consciousness he staggered up to one of the sentries at the post and asked him to get the boy's body.

Amann and the boy's father had been warm friends in Kirchhofen, Germany. Knobel married and came to the United States. It was some time after that when Amann, who also had married, came to this country. Shortly after Amann's family died. Then he drifted to St. Louis and there he again met Mrs. Knobel, whose husband had died in the meantime, leaving her three children, the youngest of whom was Walter.

Amann went to live with the family and the children were taught to call him father. He lavished all his love on Walter. After living in St. Louis for a time they moved to Chicago. Amann and Mrs. Knobel had frequent quarrels because the widow persistently refused to marry him. Last Friday after one of these quarrels Amann and Walter started away from home. Sunday they agreed to die together.

"Here is where my heart beats, papa. I am ready to die. Don't you be afraid to stab me," Amann claims the boy declared, as he bared his breast for the fulfillment of the suicide pact. After he made the thrust, he declares, the child kissed his hand and then turned over as if to sleep. He then laid a bunch of violets on the child's throat before he stabbed himself. Amann wrote letters to his relatives in Germany and one to Mrs. Knobel telling them of the deed he was to commit. It is not believed the man will live.

## VESSEL IS SAVED; ADRIFT 64 DAYS

Rudder Broken, Coal Gone, Help-  
less Steamship Finally  
Reaches Port.

NEW YORK, May 18.—After a stormy experience as a virtual derelict, with broken rudder and without coal on the Atlantic, the French steamship Briez Huel made this port today in tow of the tug M. B. Luckenbach, having been out sixty-four days.

The Briez Huel sailed from Dunkirk, France, March 13. The first report of the mishap which set her adrift, was a wireless message April 12 from the Atlantic, the French steamship Briez Huel made this port today in tow of the tug M. B. Luckenbach, having been out sixty-four days.

## JUMPS INTO RIVER; HELD FOR INSANITY

WILMINGTON, Del., May 18.—Made temporarily insane by worry over the loss of his daughter, Simon Faber, a manufacturer, of Atlantic City, was found swimming in the Delaware river one-half a mile from shore.

He was rescued by the crew of a dredge. His cries were heard and members of the crew rowed out in a small boat. They took him aboard the dredge and kept him over night, and turned him over to the police.

Mr. Faber had been visiting his brother, Jacob Faber. He was on his way to New York from which place he intended to sail for Europe.

He disappeared from his brother's house when he became rational. He said he had jumped from a boat, but he did not know when or where he had boarded it.

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## Bang! Bang! Buffalo Bill's Here!

Baby Bison Didn't Like Billy's Looks a Little Bit.  
Chief Crow Foot Real Mad at Getting  
"Hoss" Food.

They're here!  
After causing juvenile Washington to tremble, last at the last minute they should overlook the city after creating unfounded fears of railroad wrecks, Buffalo Bill's Wild West Company is up its tent at Fourteenth and H streets northeast this morning.

The lot of Fourteenth and H streets has been transformed. Where the scrappy goat is wont to forage, and the male is prone to eke out a precarious and uncertain existence, the cumbersome buffalo now roams.

## Plenty of Horses.

Horses, horses, horses! Everywhere you turn, there are horses. Yes the lot has been transformed. The hundred bright flouting colors, the wind head dresses of the habitually cross-looking Indians, the "chaps" of the cow punchers, the huge white tents, and the immense amphitheater topped off with the gaudy streamers, are all there.

And the melancholy goat and mule stand forgotten in the far distant background, and wonder why they can't become great rovers and chase buffaloes, and the little boys who live near also stand around and inquire why an unkind providence failed to give them a chance to become great rough riders or fancy shots.

Everybody eats peanuts. Buffalo Bill's show without peanuts would be a "Merry Widow" hat without a four-foot brim, or a Colonel Cody with whistlers. It would be impossible. The indescribably palatable, elusive "peanut" smell pervades everything.

## Goat Excites Buffalo.

The infant buffalo took a decided dislike to the mournful goat the moment he laid eyes upon him. The poor goat hadn't done a thing; in fact, he seemed

rather bashful, yet that buffalo calf formed an antipathy for the domestic animal, which bordered close onto actual hatred. He was being led into his stall by his maternal parent when he caught sight of the goat, and he whistled "M-a-a-a-a-a," he belowed, "who-o-o-o is this-a-at four-flush?"

"Don't," whispered his mother. "That's a goat."

"Who-o-o-o go-a-a-a-t?" blatted the calf.

"This own goat," replied the mother buffalo nervously. "Don't hurt his feelings."

The buffalo calf said nothing. He broke away and started toward the goat. Firm hands grabbed him and led him back to mother. When he was finally locked up, he issued a statement for publication, to the effect that he would meet that goat at catch weights in a final contest.

## Fed Him "Hoss" Food.

Chief Crow Foot was nursing one brilliant and beautiful grouch this morning. When he passed a spectator he eyed him in the manner of an undertaker sizing up a prospective corpse, and gurgled in his throat in a savage and bloodthirsty manner.

The chief certainly had a right to get cross. Chief Crow Foot is fond of oatmeal. Each morning he eats it served with cream, and thereby accrues much nourishment. This morning he arose and marched to the breakfast table to sit down supposedly to his oatmeal. He noticed as he sat down that milk had been spread upon his dish, thus concealing what was underneath, but he little suspected that anything was wrong. He took one large and soul-satisfying mouthful.

"Light! I was prepared breakfast food!" The chief glared at it fiercely for a moment, then he arose and carried it off to where the horses were tied. "Where are you going?" he was asked. "Light! I was fed my feed, growled the chief. 'Chief Crow' feed, give him my feed. Somebody blame fool!"

And he has reiterated that sentiment at irregular intervals ever since.

## DEFIES ETHICS; GETS LOCKED UP

Swain's Trouble Begins When He  
Removes Shoes While Calling  
on Young Woman.

Though the head of Clifton Bixby, colored, is thick and tough, the wit and cunning of a genius is encased therein.

Yesterday, while calling on Josephine Smith, of 1260 Second street southwest, Bixby requested his friend's permission to take off his shoes that he might ease his aching feet. Without waiting for permission, Bixby freed his pedal appendages of his No. 10 boots.

Josephine objected strenuously to the action, and their arguments on whether high-class etiquette allowed a gentleman to remove his shoes while calling, was interspersed with oaths, and attracted the attention of Policeman Lester, of the Fourth precinct.

Upon asking for an explanation of their disorderly conduct, the policeman was the recipient of a volume of curses and well-learned epithets. Not being able to quiet the two, he placed them under arrest. The woman willingly accompanied another officer to the station.

Clifton, however, decided to use strategy in escaping. He asked to be allowed to put on his shoes. The request was granted. He leaned over to tie one of them, and like a catpaw curled himself head foremost at the policeman's stomach. After some further difficulty, during which the policeman used his stick freely upon Clifton's head, the man was locked up.

This morning Judge Kimball fined him \$40 for four months. Josephine was fined \$5 by Judge Kimball on the charge of disorderly conduct.

## WHAT HE WANTED.

A foreign missionary was making the usual appeal for contributions for the cause, and, after the close of his address, a small boy said to him:

"I am very much interested in your lecture, and—"

"Go on, my little man," said the missionary encouragingly. "You want to help on the good work?"

"Not exactly, sir," said the boy. "What I want to know is, have you any foreign stamps you don't want?"—Exchange.

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